

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 KUWAIT 03398 220909Z

ACTION EB-07

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 NEA-10 ISO-00 CAB-02 CIAE-00
COME-00 DODE-00 DOTE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 EPG-02
FAA-00 L-03 SS-15 SP-02 NSC-05 H-01 /067 W
-----039278 220955Z /17

R 220750Z JUN 77

FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8310
INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI
AMEMBASSY ATHENS
USINT BAGHDAD
AMCONSUL DHAHRAN
AMEMBASSY DOHA
AMEMBASSY JIDDA
AMEMBASSY MANAMA
AMEMBASSY MUSCAT
AMEMBASSY ROME
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE KUWAIT 3398

ATHENS FOR RTDO

ROME FOR RCAA DWOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR

SUBJECT: KUWAIT AIRWAYS INTEREST IN SHORT HAUL JETS

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. EMBASSY INFORMED BY MCDONNEL-DOUGLAS
REP AND BY RELIABLE KUWAIT AIRWAYS CORPORATION (KAC) SOURCE
THAT KAC IS CONSIDERING PURCHASE OF SHORT-HAUL AIRCRAFT TO
BE OPERATED ON AIRLINE'S REGIONAL ROUTES, SUBSTITUTING FOR
PART OF KAC'S 707 FLEET. KAC PLANNING DIRECTOR HAS SENT
LETTERS TO BOTH MCDONNEL DOUGLAS AND TO BOEING REQUESTING
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 KUWAIT 03398 220909Z

INFORMATION ON SHORT-HAUL AIRCRAFT: DC-9 FOR FORMER, 727
OR 737 FOR LATTER. (MCDONNEL-DOUGLAS REP OBSERVED THAT
BAC-111 MIGHT ALSO BE CONSIDERED.)

2. CONSIDERATION OF NEW SHORT-HAUL AIRCRAFT, ACCORDING
TO KAC PLANNING DIRECTOR, IS PART OF AIRLINE'S FIVE-YEAR
FLEET EXPANSION PLAN. ELEMENTS OF PLAN INCLUDE SUB-

STITUTION OF 747'S JUST PURCHASED (SIGNING CEREMONY IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 28) FOR 707'S ON CERTAIN LONG-HAUL ROUTES, AND CONVERSION OF SOME 707'S TO CARGO. RATIONALE FOR UTILIZING SHORT-HAUL AIRCRAFT REPORTEDLY IS BASED ON HIGH FUEL AND OTHER OPERATING COST OF 707'S RELATIVE TO PASSENGER LOADS ON REGIONAL ROUTES TO ARAB DESTINATIONS. FLEET EXPANSION STUDY IS REPORTEDLY IN VERY EARLY STAGES, WITH AEROSPACE COMPANIES PROVIDING PRELIMINARY DATA TO KAC. BASED ON CURRENT TRAFFIC PROJECTIONS, HOWEVER, MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS REP OBSERVED THAT KAC COULD USE THREE OR FOUR SHORT HAUL JETS OVER NEXT FIVE YEARS. END UNCLASSIFIED

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT: KAC ALREADY OPERATES ONE 737 IN A VIP-CONFIGURATION. MCDONNELL DOUGLAS IS ENCOURAGED, HOWEVER, BY GOK'S FAVORABLE RECEPTION OF C-9, MILITARY VERSION OF DC-9, AND WILL PROBABLY EMPHASIZE ADVANTAGES OF CIVIL/ MILITARY COMMONALITY. EXPERIENCE WITH WIDEBODY PURCHASE SHOULD BE RECALLED: KAC "CONSIDERED" PURCHASE OF SUCH AIRCRAFT FOR OVER FOUR YEARS. SHORT-HAUL PURCHASE, SHOULD IT COME ABOUT, IS LIKELY TO TAKE SOME TIME. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. MAESTRONE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: CIVIL AVIATION, PROCUREMENT, AIRCRAFT
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 22-Jun-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977KUWAIT03398
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770222-0897
Format: TEL
From: KUWAIT
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770632/aaaabbgv.tel
Line Count: 85
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 708be378-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 04-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2073205
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: KUWAIT AIRWAYS INTEREST IN SHORT HAUL JETS
TAGS: EAIR, KU
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/708be378-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009